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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Xiong et al.

Serial No.: 09/541,462

Filed: March 31, 2000

For: ISOLATED DNA ENCODING CULLIN REGULATORS ROC1 AND ROC2,
ISOLATED PROTEINS ENCODED BY THE SAME, AND METHODS
UTILIZING THE SAME

Examiner: D. Steadman
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Election and Amendment

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated February 21, 2003, it is respectfully requested that this application be reconsidered in view of the following amendments and remarks.

In the Claims.

Please cancel Claim 2.

Please replace the pending claims of like number with the following rewritten claims:

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1. (Amended) An isolated polynucleotide comprising a nucleic acid sequence encoding ROC1, said nucleic acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:
- (a) a nucleic acid sequence having the nucleotide sequence of **SEQ ID NO:1**;
 - (b) a nucleic acid sequence that hybridizes to the nucleic acid sequence of (a) above under stringent conditions;
 - (c) a nucleic acid sequence that differs from the nucleic acid sequence of (a) or (b) above due to the degeneracy of the genetic code; and
 - (d) a nucleic acid sequence having at least 95% sequence identity to the